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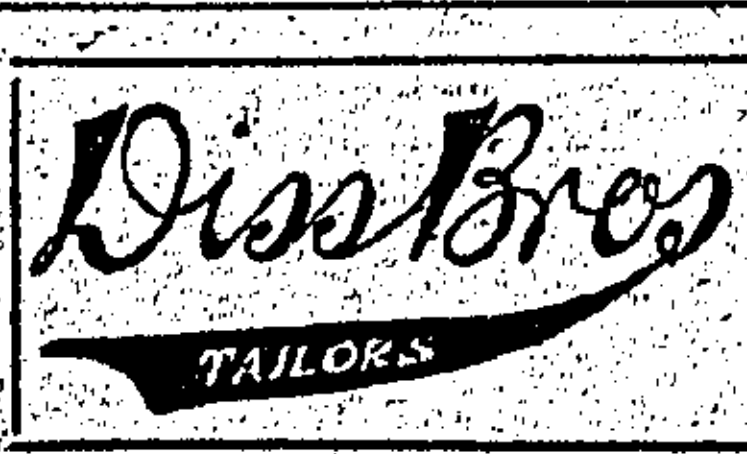
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TO-DAY'S CABLES

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
BRITISH POST-WAR TRADE.

LONDON, December 23.
A report has just been issued by an important committee (under the chairmanship of Sir Richard Vassar Smith, the new chairman of Lloyd's) which was appointed in 1917 to enquire concerning the provision of financial facilities for post-war trade. The committee thinks that existing institutions with certain extensions ought to be able to provide sufficient facilities without State intervention. It emphasises that an early return to an effective gold standard is the only proper check on undue expansion of credit, and recommends the cessation of State borrowing as early as possible, all available money being required for financing commerce and industry.

The report incidentally makes an interesting suggestion in connection with profit-sharing. It says it would be a good thing if a portion of all new capital issues of preferential shares in industrial concerns, and giving good return, were reserved for work-people.

AUSTRALIA.

TRADE MARK LAW.

LONDON, December 23.
A message from Melbourne states that the Victoria Assembly has passed a Bill requiring that all goods be marked clearly with the name of the country of their origin. The Bill prevents German goods, after passing the Customs, being labelled "made in Australia." Goods improperly labelled are liable to forfeiture, also to substantial fines.

IN GERMANY.

ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS.

LONDON, December 23.
Amsterdam reports a message from Berlin to the effect that the result of the elections should be known on January 25. The National Assembly is to meet, the week following, and sit for at least eight weeks. The meeting place has not yet been fixed upon.

TOLD HOW TO VOTE.

General von Gontard, commander of the Fourteenth Baden Army Corps, has issued a proclamation declaring that the army's votes must be given to the Social Democrats and non-socialist parties which are united against the Spartacus party.

AERIAL FATALITY.

LONDON, December 24.
Paris reports that an aeroplane from Treves crashed down at Rouvres in the vicinity of Paris. Its British pilot was killed, and an American, General Rhodes, seriously injured.

PADEREWSKI.

LONDON, December 24.
Copenhagen reports that the famous pianist Paderewski has arrived on board the British cruiser "Concord" bound on a mission to Poland.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, December 27.
The Silver Market presents no feature requiring comment.

AERIAL NAVIGATION.

SAFEGUARDS FOR FUTURE.
LONDON, December 23.
A Paris message says an Allied conference, including the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy, and Belgium, will be held there early in 1919, with a view to establishing a basis for future aerial navigation. The principal subjects for discussion include means to prevent the evasion of Customs barriers, also the prevention of a rapid conversion of German postal or commercial aeroplanes into bombing machines. The conference's decisions will be embodied in the peace treaty with Germany and her ex-Allies.

ELECTION RETURNS.

LONDON, December 23.
London University.
Sir P. Magnus (C.U.) 2,810
Sidney Webb (Lab.) 2,141
A. Somerville (I.) 855
Sir W. Herringham (I.) 715
C. L. Nordon (I.) 210
As there is only one seat, the sitting member gets it.
National University, Ireland—
Prof. MacNeill (S.F.) 1,644
Mr. Conway (N.) 815

BIG SHIPPING DEAL.

LONDON, December 24.
From New York the news is confirmed that the Government has secured the British assets in the International Mercantile Marine, including the White Star Line and the Cunard Line, at a price of \$22,750,000.

TO-DAY'S CABLES

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
XMAS IN LONDON.

LONDON, December 24.
The Christmas rush exceeded all expectations. Markets were stormed by crowds. Turkeys were unobtainable. Pathways in the shopping districts of the West End were impassable. Restaurants and tea-shops were obliged to close their doors.

HOLLAND'S REVOLUTION.

LONDON, December 24.
Amsterdam reports that the Dutch Premier, interviewed by Reuter, declared the revolutionary movement in Holland to be dead; but it was impossible to say it would not be resurrected.

BESARABIA JOINS RUMANIA.

LONDON, December 24.
A message to Paris from Jassy says the Besarabian National Council has now voted in favour of definite union, without reservation, with Rumania.

LITHUANIA.

LONDON, December 24.
Copenhagen reports that a Soviet Government has been established in Lithuania, with headquarters at Riga.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

SENATOR LODGE AND PRESIDENT WILSON'S FOURTEEN POINTS.

WASHINGTON, December 22nd.
In the Senate, Senator Lodge, the Republican leader, advocated the postponement, until after the conclusion of peace, of the five of President Wilson's fourteen points, namely: the League of Nations, the freedom of the seas, disarmament, economic barriers, and reduction of armaments. He declared that to bring forward propositions not inseparably connected with the immediate and difficult task of making a binding peace with Germany might ruin all, by trying to do too much at once.

RUSSIA.

ALLEGED COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES SHOT.

COPENHAGEN, December 23rd.
A telegram from Riga states that the Bolsheviks shot 430 alleged counter-revolutionaries at Pskoff.

INTERNATIONAL REVOLUTION NECESSARY TO SAVE RUSSIA.

COPENHAGEN, December 22nd.
The Danish Minister to Russia has urged from Petrograd. He states that the Bolshevik Government fully understands that the only possibility of maintaining its existence lies in an international revolution. The Bolsheviks say that if the Entente occupies the Baltic provinces any Russian will be able to revolutionise Franco-British troops, as they had revolutionised German troops. Their only fear is lest the Entente occupy Petrograd and Moscow.

The Minister states that thousands of disbanded Chinese soldiers have joined the Red Guard of Russia. A batch of Chinese, recently repatriated from Russia, included a number of trained revolutionary propagandists.

Immediate Allied intervention in Russia will not meet much resistance but resistance will be considerably increased in the Spring.

THE SPREAD OF BOLSHIEVISM.
The Danish Minister states that the Austrian Nadek established a school at Moscow, where agitators from all parts of the world are trained in order to spread Bolshevism in their own countries.

BOLSHIEV INVASION OF ESTHONIA.

COPENHAGEN, December 22nd.
The Swedish Consul at Reval has arrived at Stockholm to ask for assistance against the Bolshevik invasion of Esthonia. The Swedish Foreign Minister declared that the Bigdad would never allow the Swedish Army to leave Sweden.

The Consul is now asking the British Legation at Stockholm for assistance.

GERMAN EVACUATION OF REVAL.
An Estonian communist, dated December 20th, states that there has been fighting against the Bolsheviks east of Dorpat.

The Bolsheviks occupied Walk Station. The British squadron left Reval on December 20th.

An Amsterdam message from Berlin says that the Germans evacuated Reval. German troops fought the Bolsheviks near Sorny, Shitomp and Ekaterineslav.

A TOTAL OF OVER NINE MILLION.
COPENHAGEN, December 22nd.
A telegram from Petrograd states that the Russian losses in the war totalled 9,150,000 of which 1,700,000 were killed, 1,450,000 disabled, 3,400,000 wounded and 2,500,000 taken prisoner.

A GERMAN STORY.

AMSTERDAM, December 22nd.
The Koelnische Volkszeitung states that Admiral Sir David Beatty at the Naval Armistice negotiations did not ask for the surrender of submarines 29 owing to its glorious record of torpedoing three British cruisers, but the German crew disgracefully gave up the submarine in order to earn the 500 marks promised to each man for bringing submarines to England.

MEXICO.

WASHINGTON, December 23rd.
A telegram from Mexico City states that the German Government has recalled Herr Von Eckhardt, German Minister to Mexico, to whom Herr Zimmermann sent a message on January 16th, 1917, proposing a German-Mexican alliance against the United States if the United States entered the war on the side of the Entente.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
MR. CHURCHILL'S FORECAST.

LONDON, December 23rd.
Mr. Winston Churchill made a detailed statement at a Conference of the Trades Unions' Advisory Committee and employers, outlining the measures taken to facilitate the turnover of industry from a war to a peace basis.
He said the stocks of war materials were approximately one thousand million sterling. They had to be carefully disposed of without dislocating normal industries. The Headquarters Staff of the Ministry on November 11th estimated 20,000 of whom between 4,000 and 8,000 would be released by January 1st. The munition inspection staff exceeded 70,000 of whom 85 per cent. were women. Already 25,000 inspectors had been released.
In November the output was the highest ever reached. Sir Douglas Haig's artillery in 15 successive days discharged over 15,000 tons of shells daily. During October the average production of filled shells was over 4,000 tons weekly. The army's unshakable confidence in the shells and guns was the best tribute to the efficiency of the output. By Xmas 250,000 persons will have left munitions production. Very large numbers were already being re-employed in peace work.

The change over in the steel trade was working most satisfactorily. The prices of steel had been fixed until May 1st. All restrictions on the purchase and manufacture of machine-tools had been removed. Large stocks of non-ferrous metals had already been placed on the market and supplies of numerous other controlled materials had been released.

The relaxation of Government control was proceeding daily. Priority classifications for manufacture had been abolished. Measures were being taken to develop alternative production during the transition period and in connection with these the Dominions had been invited to place orders through the Ministry at advantageous terms. The railway executive had ordered 1,000 locomotives and 40,000 wagons and there would be large orders for Government housing schemes. The widest steps were being taken to adapt munition works for the manufacture of articles of commercial use.

Mr. Churchill, in conclusion, forecasted in a very few months that the great industries would have resumed their natural activity. He said there ought to be period of great activity following the transitional period.

SHIPPING SITUATION EASIER.

LONDON, December 23rd.
The Shipping Controller, Sir Joseph P. Macdonald, in the course of an interview, stated that the shipping situation was already much easier. Ships were being placed on trade routes which had been neglected during the war. He forecasted the speedy abolition of Government control in its present form.

PRESIDENT WILSON.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR LONDON VISIT.

LONDON, December 22nd.
President and Mrs. Wilson will arrive at Dover on December 28th and will be received by the Duke of Connaught. They will entrain at Charing Cross where Their Majesties will welcome them, and drive to Buckingham Palace. The route will be lined with troops.

They will dine privately with Their Majesties.

President Wilson meets the members of the Cabinet on the morning and afternoon of December 27th. There will be a state banquet at the Palace in the evening.

He receives an address of welcome to the City on December 28th and will be banqueted by the Government in the evening.

He visits Carlisle, the birthplace of his mother, on December 29th, receives the Freedom of the City of Manchester the next day, and leaves England on December 31st.

PRESIDENT WILSON INVITED TO IRELAND.

LONDON, December 22nd.
Meetings at Dublin, Limerick and other large Irish towns passed resolutions inviting President Wilson to visit Ireland.

VIENNA THREATENED WITH STARVATION.

VIENNA, December 23rd.
The Chiefs of the Austrian Red Cross in Austria have declared that unless food is sent to Vienna immediately at least 200,000 will die of starvation. The people are already dying like flies.

IN GERMANY.

THE POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT.

AMSTERDAM, December 23rd.
A message from Berlin states that the Conference at Berlin on the Empire's new constitution, in which the Secretary of State for the Interior and the Austrian Minister participated, agreed that the elected President shall be the head of the Imperial Government with powers midway between those of the President of the United States and the King of England.

The President will form his Cabinet on Parliamentary principles. The Cabinet will be assisted by a Staatenhaus consisting of representatives of the federal republics, corresponding to the American Senate. The Staatenhaus, however, will not interfere with the independence of the Federal Republics which will number 14 or 15.

GLORIFIES THE GERMAN ARMY.
A telegram from Cassel states that General Hindenburg in a Christmas proclamation glorifies the German Army and denounces the "petty revenge" the "depriving of officers of their insignia of rank and their arms by the destructive and disruptive elements."
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when arranging entertainments which
will entail the provision of additional
CHAIRS or BICKSEAS in particular
localities. Unless such notice is given
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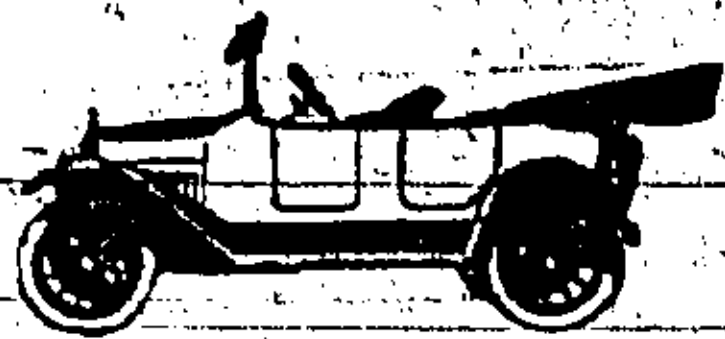
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him to return to that atmosphere of good
will and confidence after passing through
a cyclone of calumny and misunderstanding.
He proposed during his stay in the
city to deal with the rival policies with
regard to the Irish situation, but any
definite line of action would not be de-
cided until the big convention at the end
of the month.

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of the writer has been to illustrate and
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customs of the ancient Hebrews by com-
parison with those of other peoples.
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to render it probable that at some period
of their history the Hebrews had emerged
from a state of savagery resembling that
in which many races have continued down
to the present time, and that even at the
height of their religious and moral devel-
opment the civilisation of Israel was
chequered with not a few relics of bar-
barism. Throughout the inquiry the
writer has endeavored to take account
of the conclusions reached by the best
modern critics with regard to the com-
position and dates of the various books
of the Old Testament, for he believes
that only in the light of these conclusions
do many apparent discrepancies in the
sacred volume admit of a logical and his-
torical explanation.

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Darkness, darkness, or light.
You have leapt from the circle of sense,
And only your dust remains and the
word you said:
"If I should die . . . and we name
you among the dead."
Yet have I a hope at heart.
That, somewhere away, apart,
Knowledge is yours and joy of the act
fulfilled.
To tell your lover of soul as your
fever of blood is killed.
So shall your soul and run
In water and wind and air.
With your old clean joy of the sun,
And your gladness in all things fair,
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NO MORE ZEPPELINS.

An expert Swiss mechanic, who has
been employed in the Friedrichshafen
Zeppelin works for the last ten months,
and has just arrived at Geneva, states,
says the "Daily Express," that half the
workmen in the factory have recently been
dismissed, and that the remainder are
employed solely on the construction of
aeroplanes of various types. Zeppelins as
a war-weapon are regarded as dead, and
they are stigmatised as an "expensive
military toy." Not a single new Zep-
pelin has been completed during the past
seven months on Lake Constance. The
mechanic also states that the 51 Zep-
pelin destroyed since 1914 in England
and France in various raids cost
£15,750,000, apart altogether from the
compensation which has had to be paid
to the families of the lost crews. The
remaining Zeppelins are being used
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REVEALED BY A DREAM.

A mother's dream that her soldier son
was alive, although she repeatedly re-
ceived news of his death, has come true.
For 15 months Mrs. Fry, of Cliffe High
street, Lowest, firmly refused to believe
the official report that her son, Private
William Osborn Fry, Royal Sussex Regi-
ment, was killed in action in France on
July 31 last year. On August 5 his name
again appeared in the casualty list as
missing. The mother at once communi-
cated with Private Fry's company officer,
and a letter came from the captain con-
firming the report of her son's death.
Still unconvinced, Mrs. Fry wrote again,
and received the following reply: "At
first he was reported missing from his
unit, but was even the next day. As
he was returning he was struck by a shell,
and later was picked up by a divisional
burying party, and was buried behind the
lines." Mrs. Fry, however, hanged up
by constant dreams of her son, still re-
fused to believe he was dead. Many
months passed, and at last, through Ser-
jeant-Major Woodard, taken prisoner by
the Germans, she learned that her son
was a captive in Germany.

SHANGHAI, NOT HONGKONG.

The test of any system of justice is
the extent to which it protects the weak
and helpless. The strong and powerful
are usually able to protect themselves.
Probably the most helpless class in our
community are the rickshaw coolies, says
a Shanghai paper. Aside from the inher-
ent hardships of their lot—long hours,
hard labour in all sorts of weather, pitifully
small remuneration at best—they
are the victims of burdensome regula-
tions and too often of harsh treatment at
the hands of Sikh police and foreign
patrol.

THE TEMPORARY OFFICER.

A correspondent writes in a London
paper: I have heard considerable discus-
sion lately whether it is the right thing
for one who has held a temporary com-
mission during the war, and who has
been retired, to continue to make use
of the honorary rank that has been grant-
ed him; when social or business ameni-
ties are considered. Whether, for in-
stance, the Hon. Algio Knub, who before
the war had no ambition beyond a Pic-
cadilly crawl or a bunny hug at Mur-
ray's, should tack his hard-earned
"majority" to his patronymic? Or
whether Messrs. Satchgold and Writter,
on returning to their solicitors' business,
should then be known as "Captain S.
and Colonel W., solicitors?" The con-
sensus of opinion is that the retention of
honorary rank is perfectly justified. It
is only right and proper that those who
have earned such distinction in this great
war of all wars should hold fast to a handle
which is a symbol of their service.

POLLUTION OF THE GANGES.

The pollution of the Ganges owing to
the unprecedentedly large number of
unburied corpses being daily thrown into
it to be left there to decompose in the
ordinary process of nature is a matter
that has provoked considerable comment
both in European and Indian circles, in-
deed particularly affected. It is difficult
for the authorities of any one place effec-
tively to deal with a nuisance of this
kind, seeing that the Hindu inhabitants
of every village along the banks of the
Ganges or within many miles distance of
it, are and have from time immemorial
been in the habit of depositing their dead
in the sacred river and permitting corpses
so deposited to float down where the
stream chooses to carry them. The evil
is one that cries out for remedy, but that
remedy, says the "Pioneer," can only
be found in general and speedy adoption
of proper sanitary measures along the
wide stretch of the river's length and in
active co-operation of leaders of the Hindu
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Hongkong, Dec. 27, 1918.

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(For account of the concerned.)

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Hongkong, December 27, 1918.

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Hongkong, 18th December, 1918.

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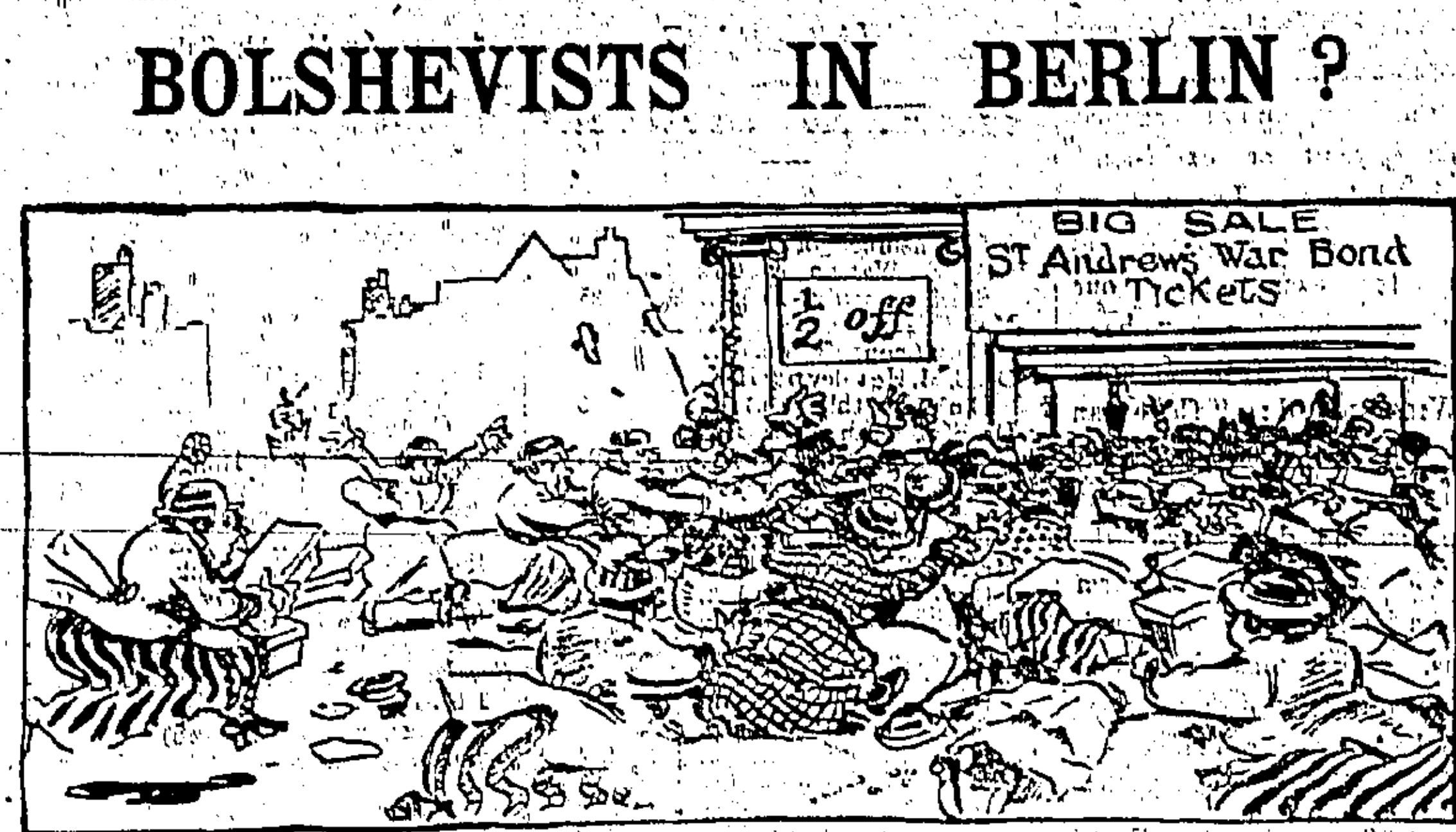
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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DEC. 23, 1918.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

YESTERDAY'S telegraphic references to the League of Nations were not very striking. The "Matin" ideas of the way the question should be approached might not suit President Wilson, whose only reference to it, according to Reuters, was a typical bit about "an organized moral force." It may help to recall some of his earlier utterances.

The most striking is the 14th clause of his address to Congress last January, in which he defined his ideal as "a general association of nations... under specific covenants for the purpose of affording mutual guarantees of political independence and territorial integrity to great and small states alike." Six months later, in an address to the editors of Mexico, he elaborated this by saying the League must guarantee "the political independence and territorial integrity" of all such states.

Those who argue, in order presumably to shelve what they lack courage to oppose, that the League of Nations should come after the Peace Terms, overlook the utterance of September, 1918, in which the President said the constitution of the League and the clear definition of its objects "must be an essential part of the peace settlement itself." He went on in that speech to say that it would be fatal to leave it till after the settlement. A real guarantee of peace, he said, could not be an afterthought. On this point a telegram just before the armistice seems to have puzzled some readers. It referred to President Wilson's belief that the favored a "League to Enforce Peace." This is an American society which advocated enforced arbitration, but stopped short at the enforcement of the decisions of the arbiters. Mr.

WILSON has now made it plain that he wants a League of Nations which will pool their resources in order to attack (though the intimidation would suffice) any Power which might arise to emulate the Hun. A later definition delivered at Mount Vernon this year puts it very plainly. The League is to be "a definite tribunal of opinion to which all must submit." Not, it will be noted, an assembly of diplomatic bargainers.

Not a Hague Conference to issue amiable recommendations for the Powers to ignore. It is to be a representative body—representing all free peoples—by which every international adjustment that cannot amicably be agreed upon by the peoples directly concerned shall be sanctioned. Change the word "sanctioned" to the word "ordered," which the rest of the context seems to warrant, and nothing could be more plain. It does not exclude such matters as, for instance, fire-eaters like Mr. ROOSEVELT would bar, matters of "national honour," as they were called.

To make all this possible, there will certainly have to be a nice balance of "give and take" than is at present visible. America is very keen on freedom, even freedom to be foolish, and President Wilson was probably voicing the national sentiment when he spoke of his intention to stand by Russia as well as by France. The European outcry in favour of Allied intervention in Russia, which has been obtruding throughout our recent telegrams, seems to disregard that. We shall have to watch, firstly, who it is that is so anxious for an extension of the war; and secondly, how America takes it.

It is worthy of especial note that President Wilson is no Pacifist in this matter. He sees the League as a practicable thing, depending on "the united force of all the nations that love justice and are willing to maintain it at any cost," as he put it last February. The tinkling business begins when we study national sentiments in relation to the love of justice according to the Wilsonian formula. Are we lovers of justice, or merely vindictive, when we pass resolutions in favour of sending the Huns to Coventry for ten years? It

would seem that President Wilson would not approve of us. He is (or was in September) against "economic boycott or exclusion unless ordered by the League-to-be." It seems that our enthusiastic mass meetings have been usurping a privilege of the League, for Mr. Wilson said: "There can be no special, selfish economic combinations within the League." This explains, no doubt, why the authorities have seemed so lukewarm to the enthusiastic promoters of such resolutions, which must have embarrassed them in view of their agreement with the American proposals. Not only is there to be no economic war (if the scheme goes) but Mr. WILSON looks to an "equality of trade conditions" among all nations party to the League, and "free economic intercourse." These may have been, and probably were, pious aspirations rather than terms. It is hard, for instance, to imagine America knocking down her tariff walls. Yet they show the trend of the Wilsonian conception. The idea is international solidarity among all democratic races, with no mere sectional alliances, no mere Balance of Power, and no more secret diplomacy. With all international agreements and treaties public (and approved and enforced by the League) there would be no chance of such horrors as the world has lately gone through. Any man who does not think it honestly worth trying for must be a devil—or a stockholder in a munition factory.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The ex-President of China, Li Yuan-hung, will leave for Europe shortly to study foreign politics.

The Chinese newspapers in Peking have been requested by the Metropolitan Police not to discuss the recall of the Netherlands' Minister, Beelaerts van Blokland.

In celebration of the Allied victory, the Chinese Government will shortly issue a new coin. On one side of it the date of the victory, and, on the other, the likeness of President Hsu will be engraved.

The Commodore wired to Singapore when the "Donner" took away the Serbian refugees, suggesting a collection there of clothing for them, to supplement what was gathered here. The Singapore people attended to it.

This is a story of the late Dr. Boyd-Carpenter's curate days. He was called on one day by a bashful couple about whose errand there could be no manner of doubt. "Are you Mr. Carpenter?" began the blushing strain. "Yes," came the reply, encouragingly, "Carpenter—and joiner."

At the annual meeting of the trustees of the Crystal Palace it was stated that after the war the Palace and grounds would be used for the purposes for which they were originally intended. The Palace would be developed as a centre of education, recreation and Imperial activity.

The Hongkong Legislative Council meets at noon on Monday. Business: Financial minutes, and a resolution under Sec. 7 of the Tobacco Ordinance, 1916. Orders of the Day: Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend further the Arms and Ammunition Ordinances, 1900.

Mr. Robert Buchanan, at present Shanghai manager of the American Express Company, has been elected an officer of the Asia Banking Corporation, according to an announcement by the latter, and will join the new banking institution about January 15. Who is to succeed him as head of the Express Company has not been definitely settled. Mr. Buchanan was, up to some months ago, manager of the Hongkong branch of the American Express Company.

The members of the Manchester Regt. Sergeants' Mess, Mount Austin, took the opportunity of entertaining their friends at dinner and concert in their mess at Mount Austin last night. Among the guests were the Colonel and Adjutant of the regiment, Lieut. Colonel R. E. Harvey and Captain C. E. Good. Members of other Sergeants' Messes were also among the guests. Following the dinner was a concert, at which Sergeant Keenan and others were in capital form.

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Capt. B. Branch July/Oct. 1918 per Phoenix Club (monthly sub.) 40
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Mr. E. E. Dodwell (monthly sub.) 5
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Mr. E. G. Smith (monthly sub.) 10
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Ladies Captain Cup, Royal H.K. Golf Club (monthly sub.) 4
Ladies Electric Competition, Royal H.K. Golf Club (October/Nov.) (monthly sub.) 60
Ladies Kinning Pool, Royal H.K. Golf Club (Oct./Nov.) (monthly sub.) 2.18
Ladies (monthly) Bogey Competition, Royal H.K. Golf Club (Oct./Nov.) (monthly sub.) 30
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Mr. E. H. Davidson (monthly sub.) 20
Mr. E. L. Agassiz (monthly sub.) 20
Mr. G. H. Walker (monthly sub.) 20
Mr. C. H. Gale, per H.K. Club (monthly sub.) 5
Dr. G. M. Hooley per Hongkong Club (monthly sub.) 5
Mr. D. M. Hooley per Hongkong Club (monthly sub.) 10
Dr. S. S. Nathan per Hongkong Club (monthly sub.) 25
Mr. P. J. Wodehouse per Hongkong Club (monthly sub.) 20
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Royal Naval & Marine Orphan Fund: 1 Subscribers, per Hongkong Club (monthly sub.) 10
Prisoners of War: 1 Subscribers, per Hongkong Club (monthly sub.) 145
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1 Subscribers, per Hongkong Club (monthly sub.) 145
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Mr. U. C. Galluzzi... 100
Commodore V. G. Gurner... 50
Mr. R. A. Gubgay... 100
G. H. Grist... 250
H. Goff... 50
K. E. Greig... 25
J. Hooper... 25
L. E. S. Hodge... 25
B. A. Hale... 25
H. H. H... 100
Hon. Mr. Ho Fook... 100
Mr. H. B. Hartling... 100
O. H. P. Hay... 25
P. M. Hodgson... 50
A. S. Hooper... 30
Dr. A. H. H... 20
Mr. G. C. Jenkins... 100
Dr. G. P. Jordan... 100
Dr. F. Koyt... 50
Dr. W. V. M. Kock... 50
Mr. L. Kremer... 50
Mr. L. J. K... 100
Mr. A. R. L... 100
Hon. Mr. D. Landale... 1,500
Mr. G. P. Lammer... 50
Mr. M. M. Mass... 20
Mr. H. Matheson... 50
Mr. W. Manning... 50
Mr. E. J. Munner... 50
Mr. T. E. Pearce... 100
Victory Day, per H.K. Club: 50
Mr. J. Reid... 50
Mr. J. P. Van Hees... 50
M. J. Robertson... 50
Mr. O. H. Ritter... 25
His Ex. Mr. C. Sovera, C.M.G. 100
Mr. E. H. S... 100
Mr. H. O. Sandford... 100
Mr. M. S. Sassoon... 100
Mr. H. Percy Smith... 50
Mr. M. J. O. Stephens... 50
Mr. E. V. M. H. de Sousa... 100
Mr. E. Suzuki... 25
L. A. S... 25
Mr. F. Smyth... 100
Mr. J. W. Stuchhouse... 10
Mr. W. J. T... 50
Mr. R. S. Thomson... 100
Mr. J. W. Taylor... 50
Mr. E. B. Thompson... 50
His Ex. Maj. Gen. F. Ventris... 50
Mr. C. D. Wilkinson... 50
Mr. G. H. Walker... 50
Mr. P. J. Wodehouse... 50
Mr. J. Wilson... 50
Mr. S. P. Williamson... 50
Mr. J. H. Wallace... 50
Mr. G. M. Young... 100
Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak... 2,500
Mr. A. P. Hough... 1,500
E. T. Singer... 200
W. A. Dowley... 100
G. B. Archib... 50
A. Murray... 50
W. A. Thomas... 50
P. H. Thomas... 50
M. M. Mass... 50
E. B. Thomas... 20.75
G. S. Archib... 35.75

M. A. Murray... 35.75
W. Rees... 35.75
F. H. Thomas... 35.75
F. A. Wells... 35.75
A. C. Leith... 35.75
G. E. Towns... 35.75
A. Ritchie... 35.75
S. E. Hodge... 35.75
A. G. Coppin... 35.75
J. B. Brister... 35.75
W. A. Davies... 35.75
J. Macdonald... 35.75
Seyla... 35.75
D. M. Ross... 35.75
W. A. Hannibal... 35.75

A. W. (monthly sub.)... 3
Bowling Section, Civil Service Club aided by Zacks... 23.20
For E. L. Hodge collection at H.K. Club, 8/12/18... 63.82
Messrs. Patten & Co. (monthly sub.)... 25
H. K. Police, per Serp... 28.70
Boulier (monthly sub.)... 20
Members Royal H.K. Golf Club (monthly sub.)... 20
Royal Navy and H. K. Dockyard, per Rev. F. G. B. Hastings (monthly sub.)... 61.80
Mr. E. Howard... 300
Mr. H. S. Sassoon per H.K. Club (monthly sub.)... 21
3 Subscribers, per H.K. Club (monthly sub.)... 30
2 Subscribers, per H.K. Club (monthly sub.)... 10

Already acknowledged... 1,328,691.72
Amounts remitted, etc... 1,328,691.72
Balance in current a/c... 24,739.37
H. C. SANDFORD, Hon. Treasurer.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1918.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Reports of much snow to the northward account for our cold snap.

A good many bad colds are reported in town, but so far no good ones.

On December 14 a new General Hospital of the American Church Mission was opened in Wuchang.

To-day's return of communicable diseases shows one fatal case each of bubonic plague, diphtheria, and enteric fever—all Chinese.

The Chinese Senate has approved of the appointment of Chien Nua huan as Prime Minister. It is expected that he will select Chung Ying-peng, Chief of Staff of the War Participation Bureau, as Minister of War, and Kung Hsi-chang, recently appointed Civil Governor of Anhui, as Minister of Finance.

Dr. Ukita in the "Yamato" says that the mistaken idea of the German people of regarding themselves as a nation superior to all others has brought about their present plight and warns his countrymen against entertaining the same illusory conception regarding their own country.

Some years ago Pengu's only claim to notoriety was a few mud huts. It is now the centre of attraction throughout the whole province of Anhui. To describe it briefly, Pengu is a large military centre where thousands of troops may be seen drilling on extensive parade grounds. It is Nyi Tze-chung's training and only time will declare the purpose of its existence.

Mr. E. F. Crowe, C.M.G., British Commercial Attaché in Japan, is leaving for home shortly, having been recalled by the Government for conferences on the subject of overseas trade, etc. During Mr. Crowe's absence, Mr. Hugh Horne, Vice-Consul at Kobe, will act as Commercial Attaché and will be stationed in Yokohama. It is reported that on his return to Japan Mr. Crowe expects to be stationed in Tokyo.

The Great Northern Central Hospital has received from the League of the Roses (per the chairman, Miss M. E. Roby) a further sum of £100, bringing the League's contributions for the Women's Ward to £900 during the past nine months. Other sums from far distant places include £10 from Capt. T. P. Hall, Hongkong, £3 from Mr. R. H. Rush, Tenerife, £1 from Mr. J. Eddy, Italy, £1 from Mr. H. E. Whitley, Switzerland (per Lady des Voies), 5 dollars each from Mr. Jack Lorrains, New Bedford, Mass., and Mr. A. W. H. Peyton, Cal., U.S.A., and £1 12s. 6d. collected by Mrs. Boyer, Fort Elliot, S. Australia.

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—
Mr. A. Murray... 50
Mr. P. J. Wodehouse... 50
Mr. J. Wilson... 50
Mr. S. P. Williamson... 50
Mr. J. H. Wallace... 50
Mr. G. M. Young... 100
Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak... 2,500
Mr. A. P. Hough... 1,500
E. T. Singer... 200
W. A. Dowley... 100
G. B. Archib... 50
A. Murray... 50
W. A. Thomas... 50
P. H. Thomas... 50
M. M. Mass... 50
E. B. Thomas... 20.75
G. S. Archib... 35.75

COMPANY MEETING.

RECONSTRUCTION OF CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. LTD.

An extraordinary general meeting of the China Light and Power Company Ltd., was held yesterday at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, to consider several resolutions which were passed at the extraordinary meeting of the Company on 11th inst., having for their object the reconstruction of the Company.

Mr. R. Shown, president and there were present: Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Messrs R. P. White, T. F. Hough and T. H. Compton (Consulting Committee), Mr. H. W. Looker (Solicitor to the Company), Mr. T. Loeman (Secretary), Messrs W. Adamson, H. F. Campbell, R. Henderson and A. A. Cordina.

The Chairman proposed separately the resolutions, which have been advertised, and they were seconded by Mr. Compton, Mr. White, Mr. Adamson, Mr. Hough and Sir Paul Chater respectively, and unanimously carried.

RICE PRICES DROP.

RICE FROM CENTRAL PROVINCES TO RELIEVE CANTON MARKET.

Friday's "Canton Times" says: The price for foreign rice is going down by 20 cents, according to the local dealers' latest report. The price for the native rice goes down at the same time. There will be some importation of rice from the central provinces in China in order to relieve the rice market in Canton. Prices for foreign rice are given as follows: No. 1 white rice, \$7.50 per picul; No. 2 white rice \$6.5 per picul; Siam white rice, \$6.50 per picul; Saigon cargo rice \$5.97. Prices for native rice are as follows: native cargo rice, \$8 per picul; the white long cargo rice, \$7.10 per picul; and the price for the red cargo rice, \$7.40 per picul.

GOLF.

The final of the Ladies' Golf Championship was played off at Fanning on Dec. 23rd, Mrs. Draper beating Miss J. Rodger 6 up and 4 to play. The time for the play off of the next round for the Wanchow Cup has been extended till January 11th.

Entries for the Railway Cup close on Dec. 31st.

The general meeting of the Ladies' Section of the Golf Club will be held at the Helena May Institute on Jan. 15th 1919.

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

The Indian Recreation Club is exempted from registration. There is a further list of persons who must not be traded with: Hon. Hermann Balan is appointed Honorary Visiting Surgeon to the Government Civil Hospital during the absence of Mr. Digby. Mr. Roger Edward Lidsell is appointed a commissioner for oaths.

ALMA RUBBER ESTATES.

Following is an extract from the Chairman's speech at the ninth annual meeting, at Shanghai, of the Alma Estates, Ltd.:—
Now that peace is assured we naturally look to an improvement in the price of rubber, which is one of the few articles that have declined during the war, and we certainly should expect an increased export to America as well as a renewal of trade with those nations that have been depleted of stock by the Allied embargo.

On the other hand stocks in the Straits Settlement and other producing countries are very much higher than the market has been accustomed to, and will probably be a strong brake against any fancy rise in prices for some time to come.

Turning to the report the most satisfactory feature is the further reduction in cost of production—including war tax—viz—31.86 cents against 35.40 cents, i.e., a net saving. These figures compare very favourably with other estates and with an increased production this year we may possibly look for even better results.

The net profit for the financial year under review, amounting to Rs. 34,323.44, is disappointing, especially in view of our production having increased from 323,700 lb. last year to 382,000 lb. this year, but unfortunately the lower price of rubber and higher rate of exchange render a better result impossible.

From what I have already said you will not anticipate that your directors propose to pay a dividend, as we naturally desire to hold on to the liquid assets amounting to Rs. 24,374.72 until the position becomes clearer and more favourable, but with low costs and hard cash we can view the future with perfect confidence.

THE BEST COUGH MEDICINE.

CHAMBERLAIN'S Cough Remedy is the largest selling cough medicine in the world today, because it does exactly what a cough medicine is supposed to do. It stops coughs and cures them speedily and effectually. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

SCOTTISH SPORT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OPENING OF RUGBY SEASON.

The principal Rugby teams are all in the field, and are gradually shaking into form. The khaki sides, of course, will vary from week to week, as the services call the men back to a sterner game. But the Schools have had their first trials, and in a short time their lines will be stabilized for the season.

George Watson's was one of the first to open the ball, playing "H.M.S." at Myreside and winning by 14 points to 8. They are in an advanced state of efficiency; the forwards are a solid looking lot with Bertram at their head, and the backs have speed and brains. Edinburgh Academy have six of last season's XV available; they are formidable behind, and useful, if not brilliant in the pack. Craighead could not hold them sufficiently, and the Academy came away with 14 points to 6. Heriot's had a ripping game with Inverleith, and showed well, though they did not take the honours. Glasgow High School had an easy win over Allan Glen's, who are rather light forward.

George Watson's were again in goal fettle against Heriot's, J. R. Selby being prominent, and won easily. Loretto did very well to beat an Edinburgh University O.T.C. even by a single point; the students were quite as heavy forward and much swifter behind. R. M. Teuchter's clever spilling had a good deal to do with keeping the O.T.C.'s score down. Fettes (who also met a University side, but came off second best) shape towards a good side, at least until Christmas; as they lose four of their best then, including A. T. Lay, they are not likely to be in such form after the turn of the year. At present, however, they are a well-balanced lot forward, are nicely served at half-back, and have a capital left wing at three-quarters.

In last Saturday's games Watson's found the Service XV of Edinburgh University too strong; their forwards were overweighted and their backs had difficulty in dealing with clever opponents. Merchiston won from the Gailes cadets, and Edinburgh Academy had a narrow majority over the Gordon Highlanders.

ASSOCIATION LEAGUE.

Rangers are increasing their strong lead in the Competition for the Championship and the League Flag; their little chance of any of the other teams threatening their superiority. Celtic shaped fairly well at the beginning of the season, but they have fallen off, and the past fortnight has put them out of the running with their old rivals. They suffered particularly from Rangers, a 3 to nil defeat; indeed no other result was possible, the Celts are only a shadow of their former selves and the Rangers are almost at pre-war strength. Kilmarnock now takes the second place on the table, thanks to a draw with Celtic and a victory over Third Lanark. Greenock Morton has recently shown signs of cranking up, and received their first fall from Motherwell. Among the more notable games were the romping success of Queen's Park over St. Mirren, and the surprise defeat of Hearts at Ayr. Heart of Mid-Lothian, 2; Ayr United, 3.

Clyde, 2; Hibernians, 1.
Rangers, 3; Dumbarton, 0.
Kilmarnock, 1; Celtic, 1.
Clydebank, 2; Airdrieonians, 2.
Falkirk, 3; Hamilton Academicals, 1.
Morton, 1; Third Lanark, 1.
Motherwell, 1; Partick Thistle, 1.
Queen's Park, 4; St. Mirren, 1.

Celtic, 0; Rangers, 3.
Partick Thistle, 6; Hamilton Academicals, 3.
Third Lanark, 3; Kilmarnock, 4.
Clydebank, 3; Falkirk, 2.
St. Mirren, 1; Clyde, 1.
Ayr, 2; Queen's Park, 0.
Motherwell, 3; Morton, 0.
Hibernian, 1; Hearts, 3.
Airdrieonians, 1; Dumbarton, 1.

P. W. L. D. P.
Rangers 9 0 0 18
Kilmarnock 10 6 1 31
Celtic 9 6 1 24
Morton 10 5 1 31
Clyde 10 5 1 31
Partick Thistle 10 5 2 31
Clydebank 10 4 1 42
Third Lanark 10 3 2 31
Hearts 10 4 4 20
Queen's Park 10 4 1 3
Motherwell 10 2 5 9
St. Mirren 10 2 6 6
Hamilton 10 1 6 6
Airdrieonians 10 1 6 6
Dumbarton 10 1 6 6
Ayr United 10 2 7 15
Falkirk 10 2 0 4
Hibernian 10 0 0 1
November 4.

RUGBY.

Merchiston and Glenalmond opened the School Championship competition, the Osetle boys scored a decisive win. Glenalmond, were short of their side, exams coming in the way, but at the start they offered a stout defence to a strong attack. Then they broke down, and before the interval their line was crossed four times, by R. M. Nelson, A. C. Brown, and C. G. Mann (twice). The Perthshire boys then made a good effort, but in the last quarter-hour the Merchiston backs asserted

themselves, and D. B. Cook, W. M'Lehlan, and Nelson all scored tries.

Glenalmond's next Championship engagement, that with Fettes, was scored off by the influenza.

The only other Championship meeting, was between Edinburgh Academy and Loretto, which was particularly interesting, the two sides presenting some contrast in style. Loretto were inclined to adopt the traditional Scottish methods and rely upon their forwards; Edinburgh Academy favoured more open tactics. The Musselburgh XV, played with rare spirit and resolution, and in the end gained a narrow victory over opponents who were, in a different way, quite as clever exponents of the carrying code. The Loretto pack gave a fine exhibition of forward work, and were supported by Teuchter, while the men in the rear tackled with such certainty that the Academy tactics were generally interrupted.

Glasgow Academy are in some respects better than last season. The forwards are fast and finished in their methods; they dribble carefully, and have quite the Academy "touch." Such weight as they possess they use to the best results, and make opportunities for their backs in a richer degree than is generally seen in school play. The half-backs are unselfish, and the three-quarters, if not mechanical, are accurate in giving and taking the ball.

Two of our strongest teams are connected with Edinburgh University. Their O.T.C.'s have A. A. Gray, of Glasgow Academy, and A. S. Officer, of Heriot's, among their backs. Merchiston, 27; Glenalmond, nil. Royal Engineers, 14; Glas. Univ., 11. Glas. Academy, 8; Glas. University O.T.C., 0.
Edin. Univ. O.T.C., 14; O.C.B. Academy, nil.
Edin. Univ. Service XV, 20; Edin. Academy, nil.
Loretto, 6; Craighard, 3.
Gordon, 14; Heriot's, 8.

Loretto, 8; Edinburgh Academy, 3.
Glas. Univ., 5; Glas. Academy, 3.
Heriot's, 10; Stewart's, 0.

ASSOCIATION LEAGUE.

A levelling up has occurred in the League competition that is all for the benefit of the game. We could do with two or three more "accidents," and "surprises" at the top of the table. To Motherwell belongs the credit of putting the first step to Rangers' prominence; it was a case of halving the points, but any break in a series of victories works for better sport in the future. It was a great game, and the result was quite satisfactory on the play exhibited. Queen's Park had themselves to blame for their failure against Third Lanark; they began well and ought to have won, but, as generally happens, the professionals proved themselves better stayers than the amateurs. Clyde again had a full toll of points from Hearts; they took advantage of their opportunities, and the Edinburgh men missed all theirs. Celtic made no mistake at Dumbarton, the latter putting up a poor fight. Thistle accomplished a fine performance by winning decisively at Kilmarnock. Morton are not showing so well; after being 3 up at the interval, they allowed Clydebank to draw. Ayr again made a good appearance, things are looking up with them; the Saints just failed at Hamilton, and Hibernians recorded their first victory.

The main incidents in last Saturday's play were the heavy defeat of the Edinburgh clubs and the slight margins that gave Rangers and Celtic their victories. The Champions played up to their reputation in the first half, and it was a combination of good goal-keeping and evil fortune that kept their score down. They afterwards, however, lost form, and in the closing minutes came dangerously near to sharing the points. The Celtic forwards were very disappointing, and they showed poor spirit in only scoring once against St. Mirren. Ayr United owe much of their revival to Richardson; apparently a discharge from the Army does not always imply impaired vitality as a football player.

Rangers, 0; Motherwell, 0.
Queen's Park, 3; Third Lanark, 4.
Clyde, 4; Hearts, 2.
Kilmarnock, 0; Partick Thistle, 3.
Morton, 2; Clydebank, 2.
Dumbarton, 0; Celtic, 5.
Falkirk, 4; Ayr United, 4.
Hamilton, 3; St. Mirren, 2.
Hibs, 2; Airdrie, 1.
Third Lanark, 1; Rangers, 2.
Celtic, 1; St. Mirren, 0.
Partick Thistle, 2; Queen's Park, 1.
Clydebank, 3; Clyde, 1.
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Hearts, 1; Kilmarnock, 4.
Hamilton Academicals, 1; Morton, 1.
Ayr United, 5; Hibernians, 0.
Dumbarton, 1; Falkirk, 2.

UNNECESSARY WORDS.

WHY waste words and advertise in the space in describing the many merits of merit in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? The most fastidious are satisfied when we state that it cures colds and coughs from any cause, and that it contains absolutely no narcotics or injurious substances. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

ENGINEER EXAMS.

CAPT. MILROY AND THE BOARD OF TRADE PAPERS.

There is a reference in *Shipping and Engineering* of December 20 which does scant justice to the long and useful career of our old friend Captain Milroy. It occurs in an editorial dealing with the new papers for examination of masters and officers for competency certificates before the Board of Trade.

So long as February 8, 1903—nearly 16 years ago—the *China Mail* reviewed the Guide to these Marine Board Examinations then published by Captain A. Milroy. We spoke of it as the first of its kind in the Far East.

The new papers came into force here on December 9, nearly a year after their enforcement at Home. The old ones came into force in 1899. Test papers that include trigonometry, meteorology, and marine architecture, are said to be stiffer now than then, requiring knowledge not given in the older books. To enforce the new examinations in these circumstances is likely to arrest the qualification of many who have otherwise put in the necessary training for second officer.

The matter, says *Shipping and Engineering*, is rendered more difficult by the absence of a coach in Hongkong. Captain Milroy having been compelled, for reasons of health, to relinquish the coaching of candidates in which he has been so successful since the retirement of Mr. Clarke, the former coach, in 1899. For over nineteen years Captain Milroy has prepared candidates for examination in Hongkong and the remarkably small number of failures among the hundreds whom he has sent up for examination testifies to the excellence of his teaching. Capt. Milroy had it in mind to publish a new and up-to-date guide, but the state of his health has not permitted him to get it done.

CANTON POULTRY SHOW.

The list is now complete of the entries for the above show to be held on January 4. There are 181 entries and 44 classes. There is anticipation of a very successful show. Donations have been given by the following:

H.E. the Hon. Chaak Wong (the Civil Governor of Kwangtung), H.E. the Hon. Mook Wing Sun (the Military Governor of Kwangtung), General Lei Fook Lum, Mr. Nai Bong Ping (Chief of Police, Canton), The Kwangtung Agricultural Experiment Station, Mr. Wong Puk Yui, Mr. Chan Chun Man, Mr. Chan Lim Paak, Mr. Kung Yue Ting, Mr. Beatty, Kowloon Dairy Farm, Wing On and Tai Tung Co., Sincere Store Co., Nam Yen Restaurant, Nam Yeung Tobacco Company, Chan Kwong Store. Most of the above names are of well-known Cantonese merchants who are taking a great practical interest in the show to make it a success.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

The following is a list of unclaimed telegrams at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 26th December, 1918:

From	Address
Wabuku	Tsuehchi, 20 Kaitong
Nagasaki	Chen Woloo, 20 Kaitong
Shanghai	Tsunan
Shanghai	No. 161 Wancheyton
Shanghai	Shengtai
Shanghai	Leung-Haichun Street
Shanghai	Chongchikman Leung, 23 Yungchingai
Nagasaki	Yipwipo, 3rd Floor, 29 Des Vaux Road, 29
Kobe	Leuyenshin Kenkeo
Shanghai	Oskachengsang
Tokyo	Kanbayashi Matsubara Hotel
Shanghai	Szechouhsan Tsapinclee
Kobe	Zeungeng
Shanghai	Layueking
Shanghai	Leoching, China Mail
Shanghai	Layueking South North Hong Street
Kobe	Kwongyuen Kwongyuen-tung
Shanghai	Sueh-ong
Kobe	Chongjoo Queens Road

List of Unclaimed Telegrams lying in the E. E. Telegraph Office at Hongkong, 27th December, 1918:

Address	From
Asbang	O-krah Wia
Pona	Singapore
Serouky Gira	Haiphong
Jay Zeamos	c/o American Consul, New York
Nakaharutaro	Bail-chirijomara
Salon (two)	Keelung, Sydney

TYPHOON WARNING.

The Telegram quoted below was received from the Manila Observatory at 8 p.m. yesterday:
Typhoon in about 115 deg Long. E. and 1 deg Lat. N. moving W.

A GERM DESTROYER.

THERE is no danger whatever from lock jaw or blood poison resulting from a wound when Chamberlain's Pain Balm is promptly applied. It is an antiseptic and destroys the germs which cause these diseases. It also causes wounds to heal without maturation and in one-third the time required by the usual treatment. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MORE SUBSCRIPTION GRUFFINS.

Another lot of 22 Subscription Gruffins for the Hongkong Jockey Club arrived in the Colony yesterday on the s.s. *Sinkiang* from Shanghai. They were all in fine condition and were drawn for by the members of the Jockey Club at the Jockey Club Stables last evening. Mr. T. F. Hough, Clerk of the Club, was in charge of the drawing, which resulted as follows:

No.	Colour	Drawn by
28	Brown	Mr. R. Basso
29	Bay	Mr. Adams
30	Grey	Mr. M. H. Nemasee
31	Chestnut	Mr. A. D. Macdonald
32	Chestnut	Mr. E. Moller
33	Grey	Mr. A. M. I. Spence
34	Bay	Sir C. P. Chater
35	Chestnut	Mr. H. E. L. Dowling
36	Black	Mr. P. G. Potts
37	Brown	Sir C. P. Chater
38	Brown	Hon. Mr. D. Lauder
39	Dun	Mr. J. H. N. Mody
40	Grey	Messrs. Moller & Williamson
41	Dun	Mr. E. Moller
42	Grey	Mr. G. C. Moxon
43	Dun	Mr. L. E. S. Hodge
44	Black	Mr. J. H. N. Mody
45	Grey	Mr. E. Moller
46	Skewbald	Mr. Morton Smith
47	Bay	Mr. Williamson
48	Chestnut	Hon. Mr. D. Lauder

Altogether 48 Subscription Gruffins have now arrived. The ops drawn two weeks ago by Mr. A. D. Macdonald died and so he was given an opportunity of drawing for another pony yesterday. There are eight more to come yet, and when these arrive the number required by the Jockey Club will be complete.

DOCKYARD CLUB DANCE.

The Naval Theatre presented a pretty scene last night on the occasion of a dance given by the Dockyard Recreation Club. The Theatre was very prettily decorated, but the most striking feature of the place was the old alleyway which had been transformed in corridor style with striking effect, being completely enveloped with red ensigns and bunting and nicely lit with electricity. The invitations issued must have been numerous as the spacious hall was filled, the first hour or two seeing more dancers on the floor than it could comfortably hold. However, this soon remedied itself, and tuncful music and excellent refreshments assisted with the other thorough arrangements which were made to ensure a successful dance. Among the many visitors were noticed Commodore and Mrs. V. G. Garner, Miss Garner, Paymaster A. Holborn, Naval Secretary, Commander and Mrs. Myburgh, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Neighbour, Mr. and Mrs. E. Kennett, and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Long. Mrs. Tittus at the piano, and Mr. Mumford, violin, discoursed music that suited the dance programme nicely. A hardworking committee, under the President, Mr. W. C. Rodrey, besides making such complete arrangements for the dance, did everything necessary for the comfort and enjoyment of the guests. Messrs. H. Budden and V. Stannard carried out the duties of M.C. very efficiently.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY—COAST PORTS.

Mr. W. Nicholson's appeal to the Coast Ports for "Heather Day" contributions has been heartily responded to, the following being the amounts received, which are hereby acknowledged, viz:

Foohow, per Mr. C. H. M.	57.91
Balfour	57.91
Swatow, per Mr. A. Mac	60.00
Gowan	60.00
Formosa, per Mr. F. H.	137.28
Marshall, £23.63 @ 3/4	171.33
Amoy, per Mr. J. S. Fenwick, £121.3.0 @ 3/4	711.33
	\$ 956.52
Interest calculated to 31st December, 1918	1.70
	\$ 958.22

TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS,
OLD AND NEW,
A Happy and Prosperous New Year!
THE SUN LIFE ASSURANCE CO. OF CANADA,
P. M. WELLES,
Manager.

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WEDNESDAY, 8th JANUARY, 1919,
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AND
MR. ARSENIS KIRILLOFF,
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THE KING'S MESSAGE.

Full text of the King's Xmas message to the Forces was sent by the Secretary of State in London to the Officer Administering the Government. It reads:

Buckingham Palace.
Another Christmas has come round and we are no longer fighting. God has blessed your efforts. The Queen and I offer you our heartfelt good wishes for a Happy Christmas and many brighter years to come. To the disabled, sick and wounded we send a special greeting praying that with returning health you may be comforted and cheered by the vision of those good days of peace for which you have sacrificed so much.

GEORGE R. I.
LONG.

Yesterday His Excellency replied: Your telegram of December 24th. Their Majesties' Gracious Christmas message has been published and has been received with great pleasure—Severn.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 8 of 1918, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of BUSINESS on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 1st and 2nd proximo. Hongkong, December 28, 1918.

NOTICE.

AS there are other firms in the Colony bearing the same name and style as that in which I am carrying on business, I hereby beg to notify the public that, in order to prevent misunderstanding and confusion, I have decided to change the spelling of Kung Tai & Co. to KOON TAI & CO.

LEUNG KOON TAI.

Proprietor.

4, Des Vaux Road Central.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1918.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

MONDAY.

the 30th Dec., 1918, at 10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,
Several Blue Serge dress lengths.
To be sold without reserve.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
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(For account of the concerned).

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Also
Lacquered Screens, Panels, Old Chinese Engravings and Kakemonos.
The greater portion of the above stock has recently arrived from the North and includes pieces from the Sung, Ming, Kanah, Yungching, Kienlung and Tzongwong Periods.
Catalogues will be issued.
On view day of sale.
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"NORE"	23rd February	30th March	8th April
"SOYARA"	9th March	13th April	2nd May
"NELLORE"	28th March	30th April	10th May

S.S.	leave Hongkong about	Due Bombay about
"DILWARA"	10 January	27 January

S.S.	leave Hongkong about	Due Shanghai about
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ARABIA MARU	Saturday, 11th Jan., at 3 p.m.
KEELUNG, TAKAO VIA SWATOW, AMOY	
BORHU MARU	Thursday, 22nd Jan., at 8 a.m.
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KALJO MARU	Monday, 30th Dec., at 10 a.m.

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WAIHAIWAI & CHIFOO	CHIPSHEUNG	SUNDAY,	Dec. 29, at Noon.
SHANGHAI	ESANG	TUESDAY,	Dec. 31, Daylight.
SHANGHAI	WOSANG	TUESDAY,	Jan. 1, at 8 a.m.
SHANGHAI	TAISANG	WEDDAY,	Jan. 2, at 8 a.m.
SHANGHAI	YUENSANG	FRIDAY,	Jan. 4, at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	MAUSANG	TUESDAY,	Jan. 7, at Noon.
SHANGHAI	GOOSANG	FRIDAY,	Jan. 10, at 3 p.m.
CALCUTTA LINE	This service is gradually discontinued owing to the		
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The opinion of Singapore shipping circles is that shipping facilities from the Straits and F.M.S. to Europe both for passengers and cargo are likely to improve more quickly than at one time seemed likely.

Seven steel vessels of 40,000 tons and three wooden vessels of 10,500 tons were delivered to the American Shipping Board for the week ended November 15. This made a total of 90 merchant craft, aggregating 150,400 tons, delivered by two plants in November.

At the half-yearly ordinary general meeting of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha held at Tokyo on November 28, it was shown that the net profits for the firm ended September 30 were ¥33,601,407.72, including ¥1,008,928.48 brought forward from last account. This is after providing for the depreciation of the fleet, insurance and ships' structural funds and war taxes.

On Friday morning (13th instant) the Empress of Japan, of the Canadian Pacific Company, stranded near Yokohama, says the "Japan Chronicle." She was en route from Victoria to Hongkong direct, but her coal running out owing to bad weather, she was putting into Yokohama on Friday at about 5 a.m. when she stranded on Honmoku Nose about a mile and a half from Yokohama harbor. At flood tide at 11 a.m., however, she succeeded in getting off without any assistance, and put into Yokohama. After taking in coal and water, she sailed for Hongkong via Nagasaki. The steamer had 450 marines on board.

TRAMP STEAMERS BY N.Y.K.

The N.Y.K. cancelled agencies for tramp steamers on the Mediterranean service. The same firm has decided, it is said, to cancel the agencies also on the Calcutta and North American services. This has caused further alarm to the interested tramp shipowners who are, indeed, at a loss as to the future arrangement of their shipping schedules. Some are reported to be prepared to quit the field in that direction altogether.

THE "HOUTMAN" ASHORE.

A Batavia message on December 9th reported that the Royal Packet steamer "Houtman" of the Australian line, ashore near Thursday Island. Her position was not dangerous.

The vessel was ashore at Heath reef and within the arrier on soft ground. The ship itself was quite safe and a number of steamers in attendance from Macassar. The vessel is full of passengers, including about fifty for Singapore and the Straits Settlements generally. The vessel is a Dutch steamer of 5,041 tons net, twin-screw, and is employed in running between Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and the Java ports. It was expected that she would shortly resume her journey.

AMERICAN TRANSPORT SUNK.

It is reported, states a message from Vancouver, dated October 10, from a post on the Atlantic coast that the transport America sank at a pier. Spies are suspected in connection with the affair. A later message says that the vessel sank in the harbour at Hoboken. The soldiers escaped in their night clothes. It is said that the vessel was undergoing repairs, but there is little doubt that the disaster was the result of an enemy plot. A later message from New York states: It is now reported that all who were on board of the America were rescued. The vessel was formerly the German liner Amerika (22,022 tons) owned by the Hamburg-America Company, and was seized by the Government of the United States while she was lying in Boston harbour. The decks of the vessel are above water, and the keel is rotting on mud. The details of the occurrence have been withheld. Troops are guarding the vessel. A gang of mechanics was working on the steamer when the accident occurred. There were about three hundred soldiers aboard.

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ELECTION RETURNS.

LONDON, December 23.
Combined English Universities:
Mr. H. A. L. Fisher (C.U.) 959
Sir Martin Conway (C.U.) 777
J. Hobson (U.) 481
H. G. Williams (U.) 410
Two seats. Mr. Fisher was President of the Board of Education.

A LONG CONFERENCE.

LONDON, December 23.
A Havas message says that President Wilson went to the residence of M. Clemenceau at the Rue Franklin and had an interview lasting three quarters of an hour.

ALARMING TO VOYAGERS.

LONDON, December 23.
Rather alarming prospects for voyagers are contained in an interesting communication from the Prince of Monaco to the French Academy of Sciences, on the subject of mines, which if completely water-tight might shut about the Atlantic Ocean for twenty years. Routes should be indicated to minimise the risk. (Havas).

WELL-EARNED LEAVE.

LONDON, December 23.
Leave for repatriated French prisoners captured before 1916 has been fixed at 60 days, with 45 days for those taken afterward. Others taken previously get the uniform period of 30 days.

SPAIN AND FRANCE.

LONDON, December 23.
A Havas message says that Count Romanones, after his arrival in Madrid from Paris, said he had reason to be pleased with his exchange of views with Allied representatives. Foundation had been laid for work on which the future of Spain depends.

FRENCH SENATOR DEAD.

LONDON, December 23.
A Havas message states: M. Saurat, Senator for Arlesche, an intimate friend of M. Clemenceau, and formerly a manufacturer, died yesterday.

PARIS COAL SHORTAGE.

LONDON, December 23.
Some anxiety is felt by the Paris Municipal Authorities regarding the coal supply. In the past month 62,000 tons daily were received. Instead of the requisite quantity, only 8,000 tons is coming now. Only 20,000 tons are in stock. The Council decided to make urgent representations to M. Clemenceau on the gravity of the situation and the necessity of immediate measures.

PROPOSED INTER-ALLIED RAILWAY.

LONDON, December 23.
A Havas message states: At an inter-Parliamentary luncheon in Paris yesterday, at which Take Jonescu was a guest, they discussed a project for an inter-Allied railway from the Atlantic to the Black Sea.

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AN OLD-TIME ELEPHANT HUNTER.

In a volume entitled "The Recollections of William Finaghty, Elephant Hunter," 1864-1875 (Philadelphia and London: J. B. Lippincott Co.), are detailed the experiences of an old-time big game hunter, who was in his prime during the 'sixties and 'seventies, and was one of the first white men to hunt elephants in Matabeleland. His adventures, as elicited from himself and taken down by dictation, appear to have been rescued from oblivion more by good luck on the part of an admiring editor than by any intention of his own to write a book. We learn from the preface that this champion (who prefers to veil his identity under the initials "G. L. H.") when travelling in North-western Rhodesia discovered that a man in his service was a son of the old hunter, William Finaghty, who in 1913 was living on a farm, six miles from Bulawayo. Having heard much of his exploits, his fairly good health at the age of seventy, and his wonderful memory, he determined to pay him a visit and hear some of his adventures from his own lips. He found him "a very slight old man, with very white hair, and much weakened by many attacks of fever." But he loved to talk over old times, and was prepared to tell of some of the things he saw and did in those early days when Rhodesia was a part of savage South Africa, and when Matabele, and after him Lobengula, held their cruel sway.

Bill Finaghty, as he was generally known to friends and acquaintances, had left Grahamstown early in 1864, when he was twenty-one years of age, and went up through the Free State, eventually making his way to the Vaal River. Here he met a local trader, Mr. E. Chapman, who, with another Englishman, Mr. W. Francis, was on his way with his waggons to Matabeleland. With them he joined forces and being a good horseman and a fair shot, he enjoyed unlimited sport amongst the herds of wildebeest, quagga, blesbok, and springbok, which then roamed that wild country in thousands. The experience gained on this his first trek determined him to follow the profession of an ivory-hunter, in the course of which during the next ten years he experienced some wonderful adventures and hair-breadth escapes. Here are a few examples:

"Our first trip was for elephants. We left the waggons all mounted in the early morning, and in the afternoon we came across four bull elephants. They bolted, and we set off in hot pursuit. I was the first to come up with them owing to the fact that my horse was in better condition. As a result, I bagged all four of them."

"We started the second week in January all down the Tati to where the Simboko runs into the Shashe. We were rewarded with a marvellous sight. For at least a mile, a half the south bank was literally black with elephants. Keeping close to the herd, and carefully selecting my quarry, I brought down six bulls with successive shots, and then another cow."

"Treking southwards to the Swewe River I was in the 'fly country' for fourteen days, and had a really good time. I shot fourteen bulls and eight cows. There were six elephants in the river, and they took not the least notice of my firing. I had four of them down before the others began to move. The fifth moved off somewhat too quickly for my liking, but eventually I brought him down, and was also successful in securing the sixth."

Here he remained for three years, and shot his finest tusker. The animal got away mortally wounded, but three days later was discovered by some bushmen quite dead.

The tusks weighed no less than 250 lb., the heaviest ivory secured in any of my trips.

A little later we read: "It was five months since I left Sheshong, and in that time I had shot fifty-three elephants, yielding approximately 3,000 lb. weight of ivory. The value of this at 7s. per lb. would be £1,050, not a bad return for the half-year, exclusive of the value of a few hundred reins, whips, sjamboks, etc., which would fetch at least half-a-crown apiece and realise another £300. Continuing his journey down to the junction of the Shashe and Simboko, Finaghty found elephants fairly plentiful, and had some profitable shooting, and it was here that he achieved his most remarkable exploit. His account of it is too long to be quoted here in full, but the hunter having found on examining his pouch that he had only four bullets there with one in the gun, set to work with his five bullets. The result is thus given in his own words:

"In fact, every one of my shots that day was effective, so that with five bullets I performed the unique feat of getting six elephants!"

His luck with lions was equally extraordinary. On the Tati River one occasion he and his companion stalked and fired simultaneously at an old giraffe, which was killed on the spot, and returning next morning to get him up they were treated to an amazing spectacle:

"There were at least ten to a dozen lions round the carcass; some were tearing away at the flesh, others lying down full to repletion. We watched them for a few seconds, and it really was a picture worth looking at. Then Francis fired at one of them, more to frighten them than anything else. I do not know whether he struck the one he aimed at; anyhow, they all cleared off."

On another occasion the camp was attacked by two lions. The horses stampeded, and one of them was chased by the lions and killed.

"Two hundred yards farther on I came to my beautiful horse lying dead. Jumping to the ground and examining the spot I could see that two lions had made the attack, and had apparently left their prey because of my arrival. A minute or two later one of them stood up in front of me about 50 yards away. I fired, and dropped him on his own spear, and loading again, walked up slowly towards him. As I did so, another elephant close by, and taking rapid aim, I also finished his account."

Then we retraced our steps and had not gone far when we saw a lioness evidently of the same troop. Carefully working my way round I fired and broke her neck."

But this was not all. The party camped unexpectedly upon a dead rhino, which had been wounded some days previously, and tearing at the carcass was a big lion.

"He stopped his meal and commenced to gaze steadily around him, but as he did so, I fired. The bullet tore the lungs to pieces; he gave one loud groan, and expired. I was still standing at the bush reloading when to my astonishment another lion made his appearance. He had evidently been inside the rhino, gorging himself to his heart's content in the soft interior. I promptly fired, and hit him. He made two huge leaps in the air and then rolled over dead."

"It was already sundown, and some of the boys were gathering wood for camp, when one of them shouted:

"Lions!" and reported that he had seen two, pointing out the direction they had taken. The result is thus described:

A STRANGE ORDER.

An extraordinary instance of official shortsightedness has just come to hand in respect of the showing of British war films in China. It will be recalled that these first came to the Far East in the charge of Mr. Bandman. There was an outcry against their being handled by any impresario and last year a small voluntary committee was formed to take charge of the films. There is no exaggerated compliment in saying that this committee has done its work exceedingly well. It has retained a special engineer who has shown the films before huge Chinese audiences in practically every province, even remote Kansu. At present he is showing the films in Szechuen with marked success. For propaganda work the committee's efforts have been invaluable. More than this they not only have cost the British Government nothing; there is a profit to hand over. Judge then of the committee's dismay when instead of the final films it has been expecting, showing the surrender of the German fleet, the British entry into Cologne and so forth, all putting the grand climax on the work of the past two years, it received an order to close up the business. Could ineptitude go further? Here is great and valuable work, costing the Government nothing and, as our outpost correspondents have frequently testified, producing great results among the Chinese. And it is to be stopped. One can only hope that representations in the right quarters may yet avert this egregious folly. (The Daily News.)

away. I fired, and dropped him with one shot. The boy who had returned with me suddenly grew alert, and said he could hear the lioness culling. We waited silently, and then he drew my attention to a dim object about 100 yards away. I could not aim very accurately on account of the twilight, but I drew the trigger on the best aim I could take, and from the roaring that ensued it was obvious that I had wounded her. We went nearer and found that I had broken her backbone. This was the most eventful day of my life with lions."

It must be allowed that seven lions in a day was a most remarkable "bag," even with the best of luck; for in those far off times the hunter was shooting with an old percussion muzzle-loader, which, from his own description, used to behave very erratically, not to say dangerously, and it was a marvel that it did not cost him his life to use it. Here is his description of it:

"If I had had the breech-loader of to-day (1918) I hesitate to think of the number of elephants I could have shot. You sportsmen of to-day, just imagine what it was to carry all day in the blazing sun a heavy old muzzle-loader, with your powder loose in one jacket-pocket; a supply of caps in another, and your bullets in your pouch. Add to this that the gun kicked one's shoulder with as much force as the bullets struck the elephant, and you can believe me that it was no child's play. In fact, the recoil was so great that I was more than once knocked down by it, and on two occasions I was taken completely out of the saddle. My shoulder was literally black and blue after a day's elephant shooting."

And yet he lived to tell the tale in Bulawayo, and to contribute, or dictate, some of his experiences to the Rhodesian Journal. The editor who has now reproduced them in book form vouches for the 5th hunter's wonderful memory which he found confirmed by all who knew him. If full credence is to be given to all the stories told in this volume, the hero to have accomplished what he did with the weapons he used must have been a very remarkable man. The Field

PEACE IN CHINA.

THE EVILS OF THE TUCHUN SYSTEM.

General Aoki has expressed the opinion that the Tuchun system should now be abolished, placing all administration in the hands of civil officials. He advocated dividing China into ten military districts, each having a corps or divisional headquarters centrally situated. General headquarters must be in the capital under the personal command of the President, as Commander-in-Chief of the military forces. The military authorities should not be allowed to interfere with the Administration and it should not be possible to move a single soldier without instructions from general headquarters.

General Aoki was confident that peace would be restored. He believed that it had been decided to hold a conference in Hankow. He believed also that Mr. Hsiang Hsiang's Party had arranged to hold a meeting in Shanghai simultaneously with a conference of representatives of provincial assemblies and educational and commercial bodies throughout China which was being called for the purpose of discussing and elucidating difficult questions and ascertaining the views of the whole country. The party, by means of the press at its meeting, would in every way assist the conference, which it was thought would begin about the middle of January. After the conference the question of disbanding troops would require a large reorganisation loan from the powers.

General Aoki thought that the question of the Vice-Presidency would result in the election of a Southerner. The Anfu Club was disappointed over the non-election of General Tso Kun, but Mr. Liang Shih-yi's followers obviously thought that a Southern Vice-President was necessary.

It would take some time to restore peace and order everywhere, but the British and Japanese, who had the interests of China at heart, should do their utmost to help the peace movement, pointing out what was best for the interests of the country and people.

Baron Sakatani's appointment has been concluded as Financial Adviser. His salary is £1,000 per annum, and his agreement stipulates that his advice must be taken.

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WEATHER REPORT.

December 28, 1918. 12. 03m.—Warning to Hongkong: Northerly gale in Formosa Channel.

December 28, 1918. 10m.—No rain from Japan and Wladivostok. The sea has increased slightly to heavy at all reporting stations. The anticyclone has increased in intensity, and strong monsoon will prevail along the China coast, and over the N. China Sea.

The typhoon is probably filling up, but in the absence of returns from its vicinity this lacks confirmation.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.01 inch. Total since January 1st, 101.90 inches, against an average of 83.2 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 29th December:—

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: N. and N.E. winds, fresh; fair.

2.—Formosa Channel: North gale.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamoo: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

G. W. JEFFREY, Chief Assistant, Hongkong Observatory, Dec 28, 1918

HONGKONG REGISTER.

	Previous day	On 28th	On 27th
Barometer	30.00	30.32	30.21
Temperature	84	80	80
Humidity	40	65	49
Direction of Wind	N	SSW	N
Force	2	2	2
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Notes: (open a) Temperature on the 28th-74° F. at 5 p.m. All temperatures on the 28th-50° F.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director, Hongkong Observatory, Dec 28, 1918.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Victoria Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1909-9.

The sum of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 foot 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

December 29th to January 5th, 1919.

Time	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER		Height
	Time	Height	Time	Height	
29th	11.15	6.7	1.15	2.1	2.1
30th	10.55	6.5	1.05	1.8	1.8
31st	10.35	6.3	0.55	1.5	1.5
1st	10.15	6.1	0.45	1.2	1.2
2nd	9.55	5.9	0.35	0.9	0.9
3rd	9.35	5.7	0.25	0.6	0.6
4th	9.15	5.5	0.15	0.3	0.3
5th	8.55	5.3	0.05	0.0	0.0

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THE SALT INDUSTRY.

As a result of the recent shortage of salt and the consequent high prices that have prevailed, various questions concerning this important, but very backward, industry have been brought more prominently before the public than usual. Nevertheless, it is surprising how very little is known, even among those who are actively engaged in the production of salt, of the possibilities this industry offers for the profitable investment of capital, if it is developed on modern scientific lines. Without attempting to trace the history of the industry, which by the way is a very ancient one, it will be sufficient to outline briefly here, the condition of the industry as it is at present, and then to indicate some of the developments which might be attempted if the necessary capital and technical knowledge is brought to bear on the subject.

The manufacture of salt is carried on at some fifty different points, dotted at short intervals along the whole of the East Coast of the Madras Presidency. With one or two exceptions, the methods of manufacture in use are traditional and are handed down unchanged from generation to generation, so that it is not surprising to find that they are the most primitive imaginable and have remained wholly unimproved by the vast developments of modern science; also that the quality of salt produced is exceedingly bad, it being so heavily contaminated with dirt that it is, always of some shade of brown or grey in colour and never white, as it should be. Further, it is always moist and sticky, a defect which arises from the presence of magnesium chloride, one of the constituents of seawater. It is solely on account of these two defects that Madras salt finds no sale in Bengal and Burma, these two Provinces importing their supplies from very much further afield, at prices which even under normal conditions of freight would yield a very handsome profit to any concern which undertakes the manufacture of a suitable quality of salt in Madras. But it is in the development of the by-products of the industry that the most promising field for enterprise lies; they are very numerous and include salts of magnesium and potassium and also chlorine and bromine which are not only exceedingly important for industrial and agricultural purposes, but have hitherto

been obtained almost exclusively from Germany, where they are found in great abundance in the salt mines at Stassfurt. These substances are all to be found in the bitterns, or mother liquors, remaining after the removal of the common salt, and the quantity of bitterns that is annually run to waste in this Presidency amounts to more than a quarter of a million tons, so that it is no small quantity of valuable raw material that awaits being operated on.

The salts of magnesium are the sulphate and the chloride; the former (Epsom salts) is already being extracted on a small scale in this Presidency; the latter, however, has the wider application commercially, and would also serve as the raw material for the manufacture of chlorine and hydrochloric acid. Latterly it has been used largely in the manufacture of magnesium oxychloride or "Sorel Cement," a material which has many excellent qualities, which render it not only a very suitable flooring material but enable it to be used in the manufacture of artificial building stone, marble and ivory.

The potassium salts to be had from the bitterns are also the sulphate and the chloride. The former is indispensable as a manure and the latter is used as the basis for the manufacture of practically every other potassium compound that finds application in commerce. It is especially important, that every new source of potash should be exploited to the fullest extent, for at present Germany enjoys what is practically a monopoly of the world's supply, and since the lack of potash would virtually bring modern agriculture to a standstill, to leave the supply of potash in the hands of Germany would amount to leaving the control of the agriculture of the world in her hands. The position of bromine is hardly less important in the field of chemical industry than potash is in that of agriculture, and here, again, Germany practically supplies the whole world, her only rival being the United States. It seems possible that if the salt industry is developed on correct lines that India

could become a formidable rival not only to the United States but also to Germany in the production of this important substance, for the raw material (bitterns) is, as far as investigations at present carried out go, considerably richer in bromine than the residual liquors from the Stassfurt deposits. These mother liquors contain about 0.25 per cent. of bromine and even this very small percentage is found to be profitable to extract, whereas the bitterns from the salt works seem to contain from 50 to 100 per cent. as much again, and that in their natural condition, without any preliminary concentration. If the bitterns are first operated on for the recovery of magnesium and potassium salts, the mother liquors then left would be very much richer in bromine, and its extraction from these would be an undertaking of very considerable profit.

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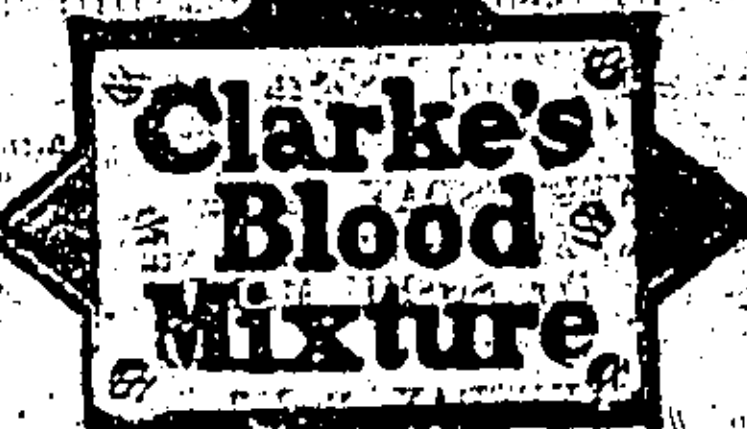
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2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.	
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Rate of Native Interest	7 1/2 p.c.
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Miner's Liabilities	445 a.
Canton Ins. T. 117 1/2 b.	
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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EXCLUSION OF GERMANS.

AUSTRALIAN ACTION.
MELBOURNE, December 16th.
 In the House of Representatives, Mr. D. Watt, said that the Commonwealth will act in close co-operation with the Imperial Government regarding the exclusion of German. The Government had requested the High Commissioner to secure portraits of some Australian prisoners returning from Germany to enable the people of Australia to judge the facts regarding enemy barbarities from photographs.

XMAS AT HOME.

ANTICIPATIONS OF A MEMORABLE WEEK.

LONDON, December 22nd.
 Though Turkey and peace and plum puddings non-existent owing to the lack of fruit this promises to be the heartiest Xmas in living memory.

With food restrictions relaxed there is an abundance of meat, and with plenty of money the people, relieved of the war strain, are preparing to celebrate the festival as never before.

The soldiers of Britain are flocking to their homes on twelve days' leave and thousands more are crossing the channel. Colonial and American are pouring in to London, sightseeing.

Soldiers carrying Xmas trees on their shoulders and toys in their arms with holly in their caps stimulated the gaiety in the streets yesterday, when the shops, though prices were very high, did a record business.

London is so crowded that the hotels and lodgings are packed to overflowing. President Wilson's visit, with the Royal procession and the City Pageant, will stirringly close a memorable Xmas week.

AMERICAN EX-AMEMBASSADOR IN ENGLAND.

New York, December 23rd.
 The death is announced of Dr. Walter Hines Page, American ex-ambassador.

Dr. Page was American Ambassador in London from 1913 till quite recently. He was a member of the firm of Messrs. Doubleday, Page & Co. He was editor of The Forum (New York) from 1899-1905, of the Atlantic Monthly (Boston) from 1905-1910 and of the World's Work (New York) from 1910 to 1913.

MR. HARVEY DU CROS.

LONDON, December 22nd.
 The death is announced of Mr. William Harvey Du Cros.

Mr. Du Cros was a son of Edward Pierre Du Cros whose family, being of noble Huguenot descent, was driven from Montfleur in the Herault and settled in Dublin in 1702. Mr. Harvey Du Cros founded and largely interested himself in the development of the automobile industry. Once a noted athlete in Irish amateur circles, recent years had found him a very ardent motorist.

BRITISH AREAS IN TIENTSIN.

Correspondence has taken place between the Council and the British Minister relative to the administration of the British areas in Tientsin.

On December 2, the British Minister, Mr. E. J. C. C. wrote: With reference to your dispatch of February 1st last meeting B. B. C. Council of Tientsin to devise and draft, preferably in Chinese, a plan of the British areas in Tientsin, and approved by you with minor modifications last July, and forwarded to the Foreign Office by your strong recommendation on that they be sanctioned to come into effect as from the beginning of the coming year, I have the honor to enquire if there is any reason to prospect if these Regulations becoming operative in the British Municipal areas in Tientsin as from the commencement of 1919.

I would beg to draw your attention to the fact that a comprehensive consideration of many important municipal activities, especially requiring settlement, is impossible owing to lack of unity in Municipal administration in this port. For example, I might mention four very important matters, the construction of which is much hampered by the necessity of two separate and distinct bodies having to deal with them, viz:—

I. The supply of Electric energy in the British areas.

II. The water supply—domestic and fire-fighting services, in the British areas.

III. The question of the construction of a sewerage system in the British areas.

IV. The development of the Extra Municipal Extension area.

A serious consideration of these questions, which are vital to the well-being of the whole British community, is rendered most difficult, owing to different administrative functions being on the areas which are affected. At present, taxation is collected in the three British areas on different scales, and on different principles, and to reconcile the interests of all, which although identical in general, are of conflicting in minor but the less important particulars, is through lack of administrative unity, a very serious difficulty.

The Budget for the ensuing year will be drawn up about a month or two ago. With the important questions to which I have referred, pending, and the imperative need of new and additional taxation being introduced, it is highly desirable that one Budget be framed to cover the revenue and expenditure of the whole British Municipal areas in the port; and I therefore most humbly but strongly urge you to Your Excellency the pressing necessity for making your good office as in any way that may seem most expedient, so that effect may be given to the wishes of the very large majority of the ratepayers in the British areas of Tientsin. It is imperative that new Regulations be brought into force from the 1st day of January next.

Mr. John N. Jordan has upon and framed a further telegram to the Foreign Office, signed by the Secretary of an early decision on the question of Administration in order to settle the working of the municipality from the beginning of the new year.

CHINESE VISION OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

We clip this interesting letter from the North China Daily News—Your leader in today's paper curiously coincides with a conversation which I had with an intelligent Chinese gentleman yesterday. This friend said to me, "All the Chinese in Shanghai are greatly excited over President Wilson's speech on the fourteen principles on which peace is to be based."

I said, "Which of the fourteen principles is it in which you are particularly interested?"

"That," he said, "in which the President claimed that all territories alienated from their original owners must be restored."

"There is something like that in the speech," I replied, "but why should Chinese in Shanghai be excited about that?"

"He said, 'We have sent delegates to the peace conference; we are also one of the Allies. If this principle is carried into effect those parts of our territory taken from us should be returned to us.'"

"What parts do you refer to?" I inquired.

"There is Tsingtao, Hongkong and Formosa," he replied, "and in more remote times we possessed Siam and Burma. Why should not these be restored to China?"

I replied, "I rather think when President Wilson made his speech he was thinking of the European situation. He had no idea that a question of this kind was to be discussed at the peace conference."

"But," said my friend, doggedly, "the principle is there. The aim of the conference is to settle all questions that there will be no root of unrighteousness left from which a fresh war will spring. Is that not so?"

I admitted that I thought it was.

"Well," he said, "If Tsingtao is not restored to us, Japanese aggression in Shanghai will be like a thorn in our eyes and ulcer in our flesh. As soon as we are strong enough we shall declare war on Japan and take it from her. If this question is not settled now, will it not be leaving behind a cause of future war?"

I had to admit there was something in what he said but suggested that a claim to Burma and Siam would be received with some astonishment at the peace conference.

"Well," he said, "Burma and Siam did once belong to us. Why should they not be restored?"

I said, "There is another question the conference would have to discuss, and that is, Had you any right to these places when you did possess them? Burma and Siam are not Chinese territory. The inhabitants are not Chinese; they don't speak Chinese nor write Chinese characters. Siam is an independent nation and sent a contingent to fight with the Allies in the war in Europe. Do you suppose the peace conference is likely to cancel the independence of Siam and put it under the Government of China?"

He admitted that was not likely but demanded to know why Tsingtao and Formosa should not be returned. To spare my feelings, knowing I am British he did not say Hongkong.

I parried the question saying, "According to your statement those places are to be restored to the original owners. Who were the original owners of Formosa?"

He said, "We were."

I said, "It seems to me that I have heard that the Chinese never even conquered Formosa. You only owned the strip of low land lying along the coast and waged an incessant war with the aborigines in the interior who hated the Chinese settlers with an undying hatred. If Formosa is to be given back to the original owners don't you think it will have to be returned to the aborigines?"

"Oh," he said, "you can't go back as far as that. If you take up an old question like that China may be said not to belong to the Chinese. There must be a limit to the time during which restitution may be claimed."

I admitted the truth of this contention pointing out that if it were not granted the redskins might claim that America should be returned to them as the "original owners" and then asked, "But what will your delegates say if at the peace conference there should appear representatives from Tibet who will claim that the Chinese should return Tibet to them?"

"You also should evacuate their territory," and Manchuria who will ask that the three Eastern Provinces should be restored to them and be again known as Manchuria."

He said, "We would not discuss a foolish question like that."

I pursued the question and said, "But what justification do you suppose your delegates would put forward for Chinese administration of those Dependencies?"

"I never heard," he replied, "that any of the Powers offered any justification for seizing any of their colonial possessions."

"Nevertheless," I replied, "they do justify their actions. If America were asked why she occupies the Philippines she would point to the fact that before her administration of the Islands began Manila was the most dreaded port in the Far East. That scarcely a ship touched at it but some of the crew died of yellow fever. The Americans sent a commission which investigated the cause of the disease, found it was due to malaria caused by mosquitoes breeding in the filthy cesspools in the town. They cleaned up the cesspools, exterminated the mosquito and abolished malaria, thus saving the lives not only of sailors but of thousands of natives who died of the disease every year. They also established schools, opened up communications and made the islands a healthier, happier and more civilized place than ever they were before. That is America's justification for being in the Philippines."

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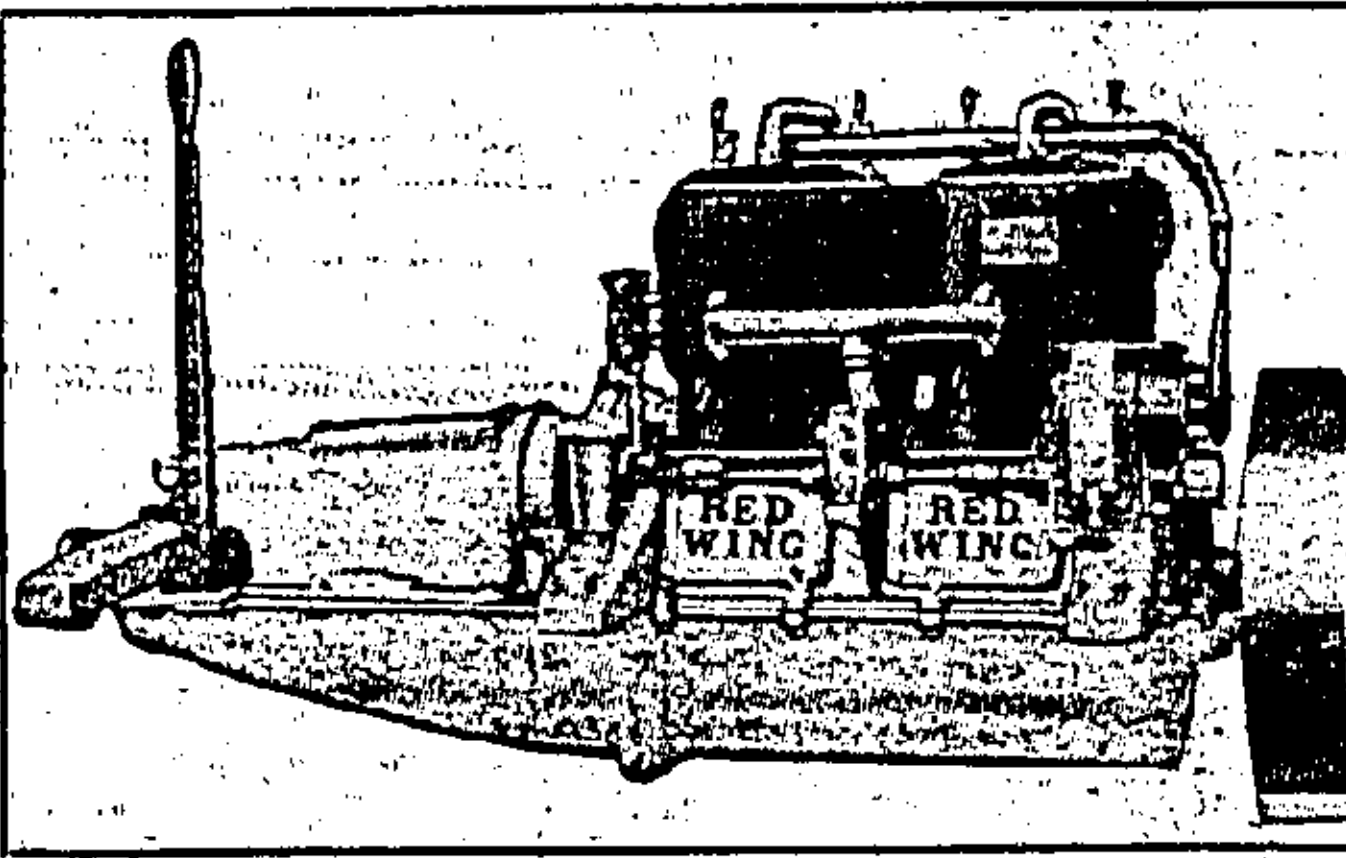
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"But," he said, eagerly, "I hear that the Egyptians want you to restore to them their liberty."

I said, "I like to hear you say restore. Do you know that Egypt has a history reaching back 5,000 years and never during that long period has she been free from the rule of tyrants? Indeed until schools were established under the British regime the language did not contain the word 'liberty.' Every idea the Egyptian peasant has of liberty and equality has been learned from his foreign teachers. The fact that the Egyptian to-day desires liberty and civilization is tribute to the value of the education we have given him."

My friend said, "I think that is true."

"Well," I said, "If the Tibetans come to the peace conference and the Mongolians ask the Chinese delegates to say what schools China has established in Mongolia and Tibet; what railways and telegraphs you have laid down or in what way you have administered those territories what do you suppose they will say?"

He said, "That would be a difficult question to answer."

"Still more," I proceeded, "If these people were to say that the Government of China is one of the worst in the world; that the Mandarins who administer justice are incompetent and corrupt, that the military officials are rapacious and violent, that the soldiers are undisciplined and truculent, that robberies are rampant and unpunished, and that justice is for the most part unobtainable, could your delegates deny it?"

"I am afraid," he said, "they could not. Our own papers say the same things every day."

"Well," I said, "in these circumstances do you think it is worth while to go to the conference and ask that Siam and Burma should be 'restored' to China?"

"No," he said, "I am afraid not. Goodbye, I will see you again."

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There will be a delivery of registered correspondence at 9 a.m. on the 2nd January.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

The district offices will be open from 8 to 9 a.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. except Kowloon which will be open from 8 to 9 a.m. only.

There will be one delivery from all district offices at noon.

Telegraphic Communication with Wagon Light House is interrupted & new 7.53 p.m. Nov. 28.

The parcel post service to Cuba is suspended.

It is notified that all restrictions as to the use of wireless telegraphy by Merchant Vessels on the China Station have been abolished.

The Services to Garmay, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

No official letter addressed to Abadan, Ahwas or Mohammedi in the Persian Gulf may be accepted unless in weight.

The insured letter and insured parcel services between Egypt (or in transit through Egypt) and Cyprus are temporarily suspended.

Uninsured parcels for the United Kingdom will in future be forwarded from Hongkong in bags and the Public are therefore advised to pack such parcels very carefully.

Until further notice parcels for civil addresses in the provinces of Unice, Vicenza, Treviso Padua, Venice and Belluno in Italy will not be accepted for transmission unless posted under the British War Office Permit.

Registered and Parcel Mails close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

In the case of Mails closing before 9 a.m. Registration closes at 5 o'clock on the previous evening.

INWARD MAILS.

Straits—Per DILWARA, 28th Dec.

OUTWARD MAILS.

MONDAY, 30th December.
 Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung—Per KAIJO MARU, 30th Dec., 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, 31st December.
 Swatow and Bangkok—Per HUPEH, 31st Dec., 8 a.m.
 Shanghai and North China—Per SINKIANG, 31st Dec., 11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 1st January.
 Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Takao—Per SOSHU MARU, 1st Jan., 9 a.m.

THURSDAY, 2nd January.
 Shanghai and North China—Per SUYANG, 2nd Jan., 9 a.m.

SATURDAY, 4th January.
 Shanghai and North China—Per KAIPO, 4th Jan., 2 p.m.

ARRIVALS OF STEAMERS.

27th DECEMBER, 1918.
 SAN NAM HOI, Chi., 427 tons from West River, Capt. Lewington, Fat Hing Co., wharf.

CHUN CHEUNG, Chi., 235 tons, from K.C. Wan, Capt. Xavier, Wo Hing, wharf.

TOTO MAHI, Jap., 1,164 tons, from Sourabaya, Capt. Nakai, Y.S.K., Querry Bay wharf.

NAM WAN, Port., 270 tons, from Swatow, Capt. Bosta, Tai Fung Co., wharf.

ROCK MING, Chi., 367 tons, from Wuchow, Capt. Woo, Sai Hing, wharf.

HOSEI MARU, Jap., 1,888 tons, from Milke, Capt. J. Fujimoto, M.B.K., R22.

WAI HING, Brit., 237 tons, Wuchow, Capt. Williams, K.K. & Co., wharf.

SHINSEI MARU, Jap., 1,206 tons, from Daka, Capt. Takase, Suzuki & Co., R10.

SINKIANG, Jap., 1,816 tons, from Shanghai, Capt. Eedy, B. & S. Douglas wharf.

CLEARANCE.

27th DECEMBER, 1918.
 ROTONIA, Brit., noon, for Hongkong, Swatow.

GANGES MARU, Jap., 10,30 a.m., for Manilla & via Singapore, O.S.K.

LANGSANG, Brit., 3 p.m. for Manilla, San Shing Co.

HAITAN, Brit., 1 p.m. for Poochow via Swatow, D.S. Co.

SHUN CHEUNG, Chi., 12 noon, for K.O. Wan, via Swatow, Wo Hing Co. & Co.

YONG SHING, Chi., 5 a.m. for Saigon, Chop Chong.

KWONGTIAH, Chi., 6.30 a.m. for Shanghai.

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